

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-10. (Canceled).

11. (New) A method for producing a tire reinforcing member in the form of an annular laminated body, said method comprising:

providing a disc-shaped rotatable carrier having a vertical rotating axis, and an extruder having an extrusion nozzle that is arranged adjacent to said carrier so as to be movable radially of the carrier; and

extruding onto the carrier a rubber ribbon having a thin gauge and short fibers embedded therein, continuously from the extrusion nozzle of the extruder while rotating the carrier and moving the extrusion nozzle radially of the carrier so that an edge of one turn of the rubber ribbon is overlapped with an opposite edge of an adjacent turn of the ribbon, with said extrusion nozzle reciprocated in radial directions of said carrier until an annular laminated body having a desired gauge is formed.

12. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said carrier supports a bead filler rubber thereon, and said annular laminated body is applied along, and adhered to at least one side of said bead filler rubber.

13. (New) The Method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are oriented in a circumferential direction of a product tire to which said annular laminated body has been applied.

14. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

15. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are randomly arranged in a product tire to which said annular laminated body has been applied.

16. (New) The method according to claim 11, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

17. (New) A method for producing a tire reinforcing member in the form of an annular laminated body, said method comprising:

providing a disc-shaped rotatable carrier having a horizontal rotating axis, and an extruder having an extrusion nozzle that is arranged opposite to an outer peripheral surface of said carrier so as to be movable in axial and radial directions of the carrier, said carrier being in the form of a drum for forming in a green tire thereon; and

extruding onto the carrier a rubber ribbon having a thin gauge and short fibers embedded therein, continuously from the extrusion nozzle of the extruder while rotating the carrier and moving the extrusion nozzle in the axial and radial directions of the carrier so that an edge of one turn of the rubber ribbon is overlapped with an opposite edge of an adjacent turn of the ribbon, with said extrusion nozzle reciprocated in axial directions of said carrier until an annular laminated body having a desired gauge is formed on a desired portion of the green tire.

18. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said extruder has a roller die comprised of a pair of rollers forming a gap through which said rubber ribbon is passed to have a desired cross-section, and the rubber ribbon is subsequently adhered onto a desired portion of the green tire by one of said rollers.

19. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are oriented in a circumferential direction of a product tire to which said annular laminated body has been applied.

20. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

21. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded so that said short fibers are randomly arranged in a product tire to which said annular laminated body has been applied.

22. (New) The method according to claim 17, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

23. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

24. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.

25. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a positive displacement extruder.

26. (New) The method according to claim 21, wherein said rubber ribbon is extruded from a screw-type extruder.